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THIRD TERM? ALL
FOLLY--PRESIDENTRoosevelt Unmoved by Re-
election Clamor.

INTENDS TO STAND PAT

All Helps, However, in Big Game
He Is Playing.Willing to Be Regarded as Favorite
Son of the Country in Order to
Make Sure of the Adoption of His
Policies by the Republican Na-
tional Convention--Lesser Lights in
the Political World Are Benefited.

"Absolute nonsense" was President Roosevelt's characterization recently of third-term talk. Any one who could have heard his verdict or observed his manner would not have doubted for a moment that the President is unmoved by the clamor coming from all parts of the country that he remain four years more in the White House. He intends that his declaration on election night in November, 1904, should be taken at its face value just as his friends have often said it should be. But the popular demands for his continuance in office are serving a purpose, and for that reason are not altogether unwelcome to the President at this juncture. It is aiding him in the big game he is now playing to secure the adoption of his policies by the next Republican national convention. In that particular the third term movement is timely for him. He naturally appreciates the compliment as an approval of his administration of the last six years.

To call the President has asserted his intention, however, of speaking of the agitation in a fashion that will discourage all efforts to keep him in the White House after March 4, 1908. The subject has been broached to him of late, but the President wants to be more certain of winning the political battle he is now fighting.

He is willing to be regarded for a while as a favorite son of the United States and to use that as a buffer for his opponents who are grooming favorite sons in various States.

The President is very well aware that his opponents have no expectation that these favorite sons will be nominated. They will be useful in preventing delegates from being pledged to his policies. He is just as firmly convinced that he will not have the nomination in the next convention, but the popularity with which such a nomination is now championed helps the President to keep his friends together and prevents their dispersing to the support of divers aspirants.

The President is not deceived by the numerous interviews from Senators and Members of Congress declaring for a third term. Some of them may be sincere enough, but a considerable portion of them are from men not in sympathy with him, who have something to gain at home. Nearly all the Republican Senators who have come out publicly for a third term are of the class whose terms expire March 3, 1909, and who will come up next year for re-election. The most emphatic of the Senatorial third-termers is, happens, are Republicans who have a fight to get back before then.

Hansbrough an Example.

A conspicuous example is Senator Henry S. Hansbrough, of North Dakota, which is one of the most enthusiastic Roosevelt States in the Union. He goes to the White House offices almost every week now and, departing, is careful to tell how anxious he is that Mr. Roosevelt should be re-nominated and re-elected.

And as matters stand such statements are mutually helpful. They help Mr. Hansbrough and other Senators in a like predicament, by attracting Roosevelt's followers to their support, and they also help the President for the time being by encouraging the third-term enthusiasm. It all illustrates, also, the clever politics played by the occupant of the White House.

When he makes his speech at Indianapolis, Monday, the President plans to outline his policies anew. As now planned, that speech will contain something about the inheritance and income taxes, and also about the necessity for Federal legislation to prevent overcapitalization. The President wishes to show that his interest in the subjects has not waned, and that he regards them as essential features of the policies to which he is trying to commit the Republican party.

ATTACKS ELKINS LAW.

Standard Oil Company Declares Act
Unconstitutional.

Chicago, May 3.—In presenting arguments in his motion for a new trial before Judge Landis in the United States Circuit Court to-day, Attorney John S. Miller, representing the Standard Oil Company, and originator of the famous "immunity" suit, declared that the Elkins act, as applied to interstate shipments, is in violation of the fourteenth article of the Constitution.

This was the only new point made by counsel for the Standard Oil Company in argument for a new trial. Attorney Miller announced at the beginning that without prejudice to the motion for a new trial he would make a motion for an arrest of judgment.

"The grounds upon which these motions are based are practically the same, and I will make the motion for an arrest of judgment at this time in the interests of economy of time," said Mr. Miller.

Fears Persecute Trust.

Cleveland, May 3.—Fearing that the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiary concerns would make the claim that they were being persecuted, Attorney General Ellis caused the withdrawal at Findlay yesterday of the sister suit filed Tuesday by Attorney Phelps. Phelps assented to the demands of the independent oil men, who feared that the suit would conflict and hamper the progress of that begun some time ago by Prosecutor Davis, of Hancock County, on behalf of the attorney general.

Steamer on Rocks.

Kingsport, May 3.—The Hamburg-American steamship Prinz August Wilhelm, which sailed from New York on April 27, went aground in the harbor last night and has not yet succeeded in getting off.

Floral Decorations for Weddings.

Reasonable charges. Blackstone's, 21 & H.

Dressed Fallings, headed, \$2 per 100.

Libbey & Co., 6th and New York ave.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Rain to-day; to-morrow cooler and probably fair; fresh southerly winds, shifting to northwesterly.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.

1—Jamestown Fair in Need of Cash.

1—Octopus Makes Submarine Record.

1—Gov. Hughes Stands Pat.

1—Rogers Confesses to Three Murders.

1—Zelaya Will Oust Davilla.

1—Terms on Insurance Cases.

1—Eloping Pastor Threatens Death.

1—Six Inches of Snow in Omaha.

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